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ALEC Faculty/Departmental Meeting

Minutes

March 13, 2015

Present: Mark Balschweid, Lloyd Bell, Karen Cannon, Beth Down, Mike Farrell, Mary Garbacz, Jennifer Greenlee, Lindsay Hastings, Dann Husmann, Matt Kreifels, Tiffany Luethke, L.J. McElravy, Gina Matkin, Brooke Talbott, Jane Stentz, and Roger Terry

Guest: Dana Boden, University Libraries

Department Business

Balschweid opened the meeting by showing the TED presentation by Rita Pierson: Every kid needs a champion.

- The value of human relationships
- How to raise the self-esteem of your students
- I am somebody, say it long enough it starts to be
- Made a difference in their life
- A legacy of relationships
- Teaching and learning to bring joy
- A champion who would never give up on them
- As educators we are born to make a difference

Balschweid introduced Dana Boden, Associate Professor, UNL Libraries, subject matter Agriculture.

University Libraries Services - Boden outlined some of the remodeling changes happening to CY Thompson library.

- Downsizing some of the collection to electronic databases
- Building over 50 years old without any renovations
- Plans for Learning Commons and moving different groups on campus into the building, as well as Legacy Plaza
- Not stopping all print-only journals
- Estimated will be out of the building for two years
- Print materials or reserved items will be available at the LDRF storage facility, between Tractor Testing Lab and 33rd Street

Move to Filley & FIC – Balschweid requested each person work with Roddy to determine what furniture from present offices will be taken to the new offices. The Institute will be furnishing new carpet and paint for the areas.

ALEC IN ACTION – Balschweid mentioned the changes in EdMedia provided the opportunity to revisit the ALEC IN ACTION newsletter. Print publications will no longer be supported by the IANR Media giving the opportunity to convert to digital format. There will not be a Spring 2015 edition. Balschweid is interested in feedback on what the ALEC electronic newsletter should contain in the future.

Development Update – Balschweid mentioned one of his priorities is a concentrated effort on fundraising. The Dick and Connie Fleming Scholarship will be a much more targeted approach to raise

an endowment of \$25,000 for a \$1,000 scholarship to be generated each year. Kreifels announced DuPont Pioneer has agreed to contribute \$10,000 annually to send pre-service teachers to Nebraska's CASE Institute. Knoll has spent considerable efforts on securing scholarships for students in the 2+2 program. Knoll and Balschweid have met with the "Dream It Do It" Foundation which is a consortium of manufactures in Nebraska. Kreifels mentioned Farm Bureau will give Ag Ed students a \$1,200 scholarship to help offset expenses while student teaching. Another scholarship (total of \$5,000) is given to in-service teachers.

Faculty Business

Approval of Minutes - Motion – Matkin moved to approve the January 30, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Terry. Motion passed.

Recruitment Activities – Talbott, new Recruitment Coordinator and World Food Prize gave the following report:

Current students as of March 12

- 129 students in the 3 major programs (AgEd, AESC, HRTM)

Graduating seniors Spring 2015

- AESC: 2
- AgEd Leadership: 6
- Teaching: 7

Incoming Spring 2015

- 8 transfer
- 2 AESC (1 international)
- 4 AgEd
- 2 HRTM

Incoming Fall 2015

- 25 have paid deposits; 46 were admitted
 - 2 AESC
 - 17 AgEd
 - 2 HRTM
 - 3 unknown

Upcoming Recruitment Events

- Big Red Road Show, March 21st in Scottsbluff
- Experience the Power of Red, April 2nd
- FFA Convention (ALEC Booth), April 8 -10th
- State Officers Reception (date to be announced)
- CASNR Week, April 10-18th
- ALEC Graduating Seniors Reception, May 8

Husmann suggested having faculty call the students who were admitted but haven't committed yet. Balschweid encouraged new recruitment ideas for the ALEC department, i.e., giveaways, clothing items, etc.

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Agricultural Education Faculty Search –Bell announced the Ag Ed, Assistant Professor position is posted. He had several phone calls asking about the position. Review of applications begins the beginning of April. Interviews will be later at the end of April or beginning of May.

New Business

Selection of New CASNR FAC Member- Faculty Advisory Council (two year term) Hastings has been the departmental representative and her term ends. **Hastings was formally nominated for another 2-year term. Husmann moved to close nominations. Seconded. Approved. Motion to approve Dr. Hastings serving another two year term on the Faculty Advisory Council. Seconded by Husmann. Approved.**

Selection of new CASNR Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - Husmann presented an outline of the committee responsibilities. **Motion – Matkin nominated McElravy (upon seeking his approval). Husmann moved to close nominations. Terry seconded. Approved. Motion to approve Dr. McElravy. Approved.**

Future – Program Updates – Balschweid would like the program leaders to provide updates about their programs at future faculty/departmental meetings.

Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee – Bell mentioned all the pertinent reviews were done and submitted to Dr. Balschweid for the annual evaluations.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Terry indicated that Eric Knoll submitted new courses that have been forwarded on to the CASNR Curriculum Committee.

Graduate Education – Matkin said the Graduate Committee is reviewing nine (Five doctoral, four masters) applications for admission into the graduate program. Kate Rempfer will be joining our graduate assistantship team starting in Fall 2015.

CASNR FAC- Hastings announced that the college will be implementing new guidelines for the departmental Instructional Improvement Plan (IIP). Kudos to the ALEC department, they are one of two departments that have an IIP record. There is proposed classroom space (working with private donors) going into the Food Industry Complex but not finalized. Bell and Hastings will be representing ALEC voices on this project but if others are encouraged to offer feedback regarding learning spaces that can be easily adjustable.

CASNR Curriculum Committee – Husmann said the two courses Knoll proposed have been entered into CREQ.

CASNR Online and Distance Education – Matkin has been in contact with Dan Cotton looking at the priorities list right now and looking at the ones doing the worst right now.

Assessment Support Team – Husmann and Balschweid are part of a task force for CASNR Assessment Team. A survey was sent out and due March 28th.

Motion – Matkin moved to adjourn. Husmann seconded. Approved.